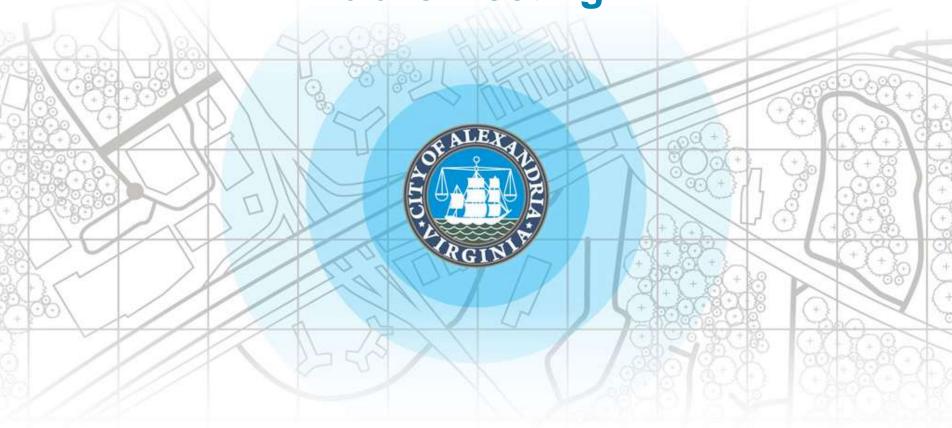
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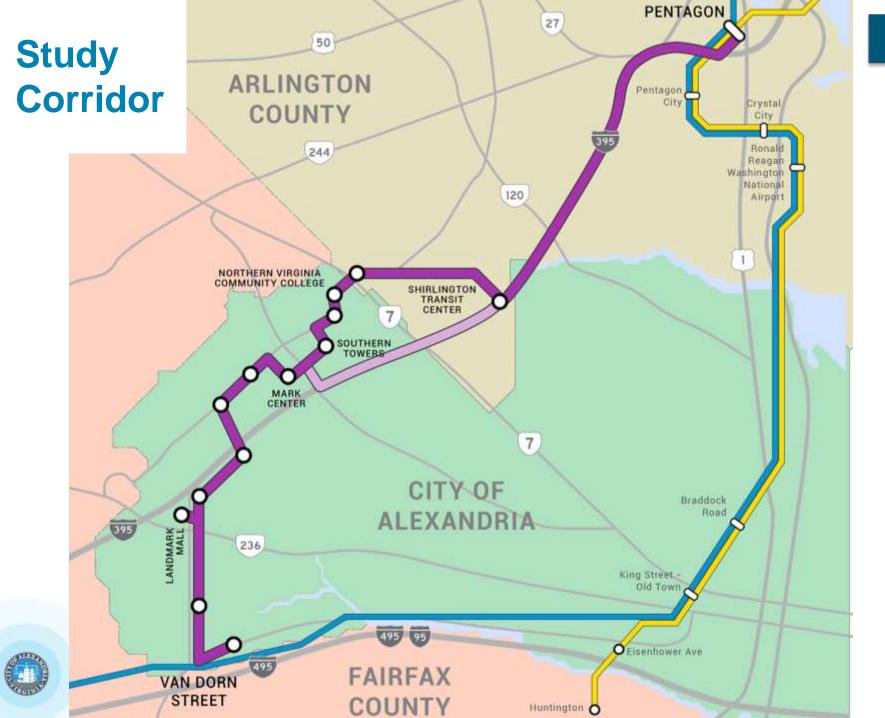
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#### **MEETING AGENDA**

- 1 Project Progress
- Workshop Overview
- Work Session 1
- Work Session 2
- 5 Report Out/Q&A





## 1 PROJECT PROGRESS



## **AA** and **EA** | Timeline

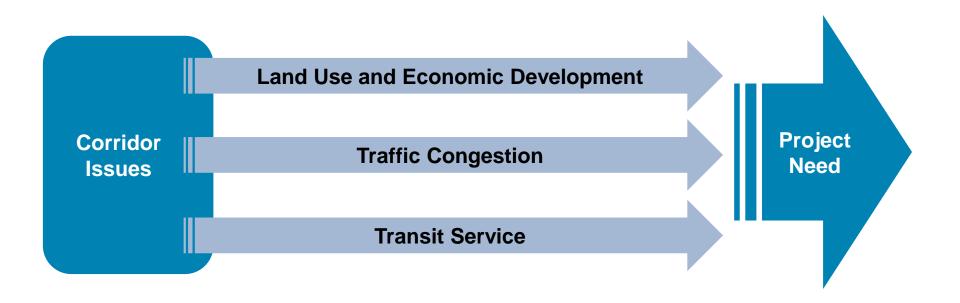
Project Kick-Off	Existing Conditions	Definition of Alternatives	Evaluation of Alternatives	Environmental Assessment
PLANNING PROCESS	Purpose and Need  Existing Conditions Assessment	Preliminary Screening of Alternatives Definition of Evaluation Measures	Results of Evaluation  Draft Environmental  Assessment	Preferred Alternative Final Environmental Assessment
Winter 2014	Spring 2014	Fall 2014	Winter 2015	Spring 2015
PUBLIC PROCESS	May 22 4:00 – 8:00 PM Public Kick-off Meeting Landmark Mall	October 22 6:30 – 8:30 PM Transitway Options Pavillion at Mark Center	Public Meeting to Comment on Study Recommendations	Public Meeting to Review Environmental Document

18 Months





#### **PROJECT NEED**





#### AA and EA | PROJECT OUTCOMES

- Policy Decision
  - Locally Preferred Alternative selected by City Council
    - Transit Technology
    - Alignment
    - Configuration
    - Project Cost Estimate
- Project Finance Strategy
- Approved Environmental Document
  - Finding by FTA after review by federal and state agencies



# 2 WORKSHOP OVERVIEW



#### **WORKSHOP OVERVIEW**

- Work Session 1: 15 minutes
  - Discuss alternatives
  - Identify concerns and opportunities
- Work Session 2: 30 minutes
  - Review alternatives evaluation approach
  - Identify high/low priority measures
- Report Out and Q&A: 30 minutes



#### **AA STUDY ALTERNATIVES**



#### Build Alternative

- Frequent, continuous transit service along Van Dorn and Beauregard Streets
- Dedicated transit lanes along significant portions of corridor
- Infrastructure and operational elements to enhance transit operations

#### Transportation Systems Management (TSM) Alternative

- Frequent, continuous transit service along Van Dorn and Beauregard Streets
- New, limited-stop bus service along the entirety of the corridor
- Some traffic operational enhancements
- No major capital investment in new infrastructure for dedicated transit lanes

#### No Build Alternative

- Transit services in shared lanes similar to current conditions
- Includes already planned and programmed infrastructure, traffic operational and transit service improvements



#### **EVALUATION PROCESS**

- Evaluation measures needed to determine performance of alternatives
- Performance of alternatives will determine Locally Preferred Alternative

**WE ARE HERE** 

 Effects of Locally Preferred Alternative will be documented in the Environmental Assessment  Identify initial alternatives based on previous studies and resolutions (No Build, TSM, Build)



2. Evaluate refined alternatives (apply full set of evaluation measures to distinguish among Build, TSM, No Build)



3. Document effects of the recommended alternative in Environmental Assessment



#### **DRAFT EVALUATION MEASURES**

- Transit
- Other transportation modes
- Land use considerations
- Financial
- Natural, social, and physical environment



#### **NEXT STEPS**

- Winter 2014
  - Alternatives Analysis Report
  - Request to Enter FTA Project Development

### Thank you!

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